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In re application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Brian James Clark et al.	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 09/845,669	:	(ACCELERATED
Filed: April 30, 2001	:	EXAMINATION)
For: MAXIMIZATION OF A HEDGED INVESTMENT :	:	
BUDGET FOR AN INDEX-LINKED	:	
INSURANCE PRODUCT	:	

This is in response to the petition filed on December 12, 2005 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirements (C) above. Regarding item (C), the petition states: "The Applicants have conducted a pre-examination search using the services of Terry W. Kramer, Esq. of Kramer & Associates. A copy of Mr. Kramer's letter is attached to this Petition as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Kramer's letter sets forth the search field, including the classes and subclasses (U.S. and foreign) " However, there is no Exhibit 1 attached.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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